



SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April 2002

VERNALIS GROUP PLC
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Oakdene Court 613 Reading Road Winnersh Wokingham, Berkshire RG41 5UA United Kingdom

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F).

Form 20-F\_X\_Form 40-F\_\_\_

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

Yes \_ No X

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-\_\_\_\_\_).

Enclosure:

Notification of Major Interest in Shares dated April 18, 2002 announcing the sale of securities by a substantial shareholder.

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## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, Vernalis Group plc, has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 25, 2002

Vernalis Group plc

Richard Robinski Company Secretary

## SCHEDULE 10

## NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

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All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

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i	Name of company	Name of shareholder having a major interest
:	VERNALIS GROW PLC	3: BIOSCIENCE INVESTMENT TRUST PLC
	3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18  AS AROVE.	4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them  BNY (OCS) NOMINEES  LIMITED A/C 31 BIO
	5. Number of 6. Percentage of issued class stock acquired	7. Number of 8. Percentage of issued class shares/amount of stock disposed
		180,000 0.42%
	9. Class of security	10. Date of transaction 11. Date company informed
	ORDINARY lopshares	16 04 2002 17 04 2002
	12. Total holding following this notification	13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
	1,657,081	3.86%
į	14. Any additional Information	15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries
	NA	RICHARD ROBINSKI (CI18)-977-3183
	16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification  Date of notification 18th APRIL 20 02	RICHARO ROBINSKI COMPANY SECRETARY
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